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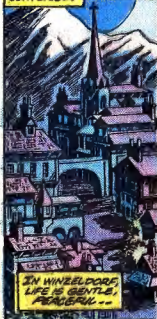
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THIS WAY, MEN! THE MONSTER WENT THIS WAY!

...TRANQUILITY?

MONSTER, IS IT? THE FOOLS! IT IS THEY WHO ARE THE MONSTERS...



--THEY WITH THEIR MINDLESS PREJUDICES!

PERHAPS THINGS WOULD BE SIMPLER--SLOWER--IF I HAD STAYED WITH DER JAHNMART--

--BUT THE LIFE OF A GORRIVAL FREAK IS NOT FOR ME--NOT FOR KURT WAGNER!



LET THEM COME IF THEY MUST--LET THEM TRY TO KILL ME--!



AT LEAST IF I DIE, IT WILL BE AS A MAN!

IRONICALLY, THE ASTONISHING LEAP ALONE LENSE DOUBT TO KURT WAGNER'S HUMANITY...



WE'VE GOT HIM NOW!

COME DOWN, MONSTER! COME DOWN--OR WE'LL BURN YOU DOWN!

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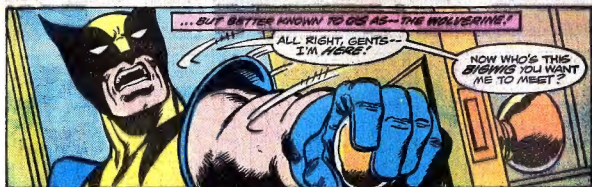
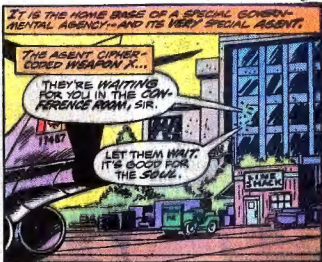
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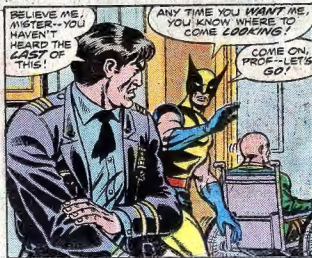
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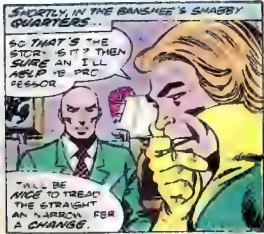
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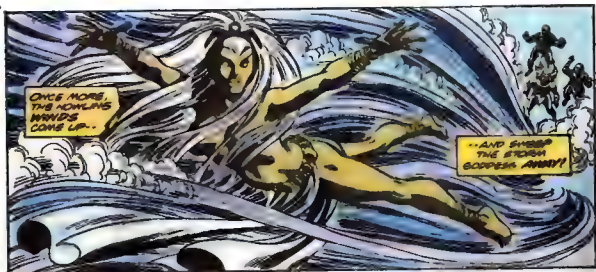


"A WITCH SHALL BE BORN" IN SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #5-- AND A CINNERIAN MUST DIE!



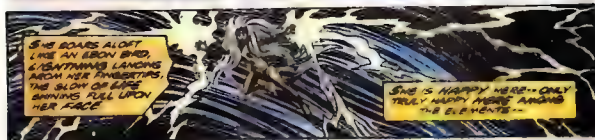






ONCE MORE,
THE HOWLING
WINDS
COME UP--

--AND SHEEP
THE STORM
GODDESS AWAY!



SHE SOARS ALOFT
LIKE AN EBON BIRD,
GLINTING LANCE
ACROSS HER FINGERTIPS,
THE GLOW OF LIFE
SHINING FULL UPON
HER FACE

SHE IS HAPPY HERE-- ONLY
TRULY HAPPY HERE AMONG
THE ELEMENTS--

--AND THE RAGING SKY,
POWHERED BY HER AMP-
PINESS

WEEES

WHEN THE STORM
GODDESS RETURNS
TO EARTH AT
LAST HER JOY
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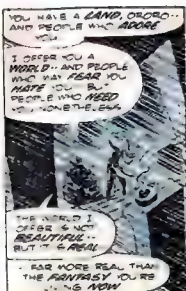
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IMPRESSIVE
DISPLAY OROO...
TRULY
BEAUTIFUL

WH-WHO ARE YOU? WHAT
BUSINESS HAVE YOU IN
ORO'S LAND?

I AM CALLED
KAVIER--

--AND I HAVE
COME TO MAKE
YOU AN OFFER
I PRAY YOU
WILL NOT
REFUSE.

AN OFFER?
WHAT HAVE
YOU TO OFFER
A GODDESS?



This is it! The recognition we've all been waiting for! You've read movie reviews, book reviews, record reviews, right? Well, now at last, the nation's top literary critics have begun reviewing comics— or, at least, a book about Marvel Comics! I know you're as anxious to read their verdict as I was, so without any further ado, here's the first batch of notices for the **ORIGINS OF MARVEL COMICS**—

PAY BRADBURY, in the **LOS ANGELES TIMES**: "Stan Lee's new volume is the very stuff for you. It is, as he puts it, 'a pictorial tonic to relieve the awesome affliction that threatens us all: the endlessly spreading virus of too much reality in a world that is losing its heroes.' Stan's book is to me a better light bulb. Frivolous? Perhaps. Frightening? Sometimes. With hidden meanings? Stan Lee's comics are better than Lichtenstein can ever hope to be." **THE DAILY ENTERPRISE-SUN**: "Comicbook heroes are making a comeback. Nowhere is that comeback put together so attractively as in this winner by Stan Lee. It's the best of the comic collections." **SAN**

FRANCISCO EXAMINER: "The name Stan Lee is known to millions of comic-book fans all over the world. Marvel Comics sell in dozens of countries at a rate of 75 million a year." **PLAYBOY**: "Very much fun. People have written graduate papers on just such themes, and for them— and all other true believers— we're heading for the newstand." **CUE**: "These are fairy tales for older people. They are fun, like Vonnegut and Tolkien. The last place where you can recapture the fantasy— the wonder—" **BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB NEWS**: "A snappy new book. One of the good things about Lee's **ORIGINS** is that for each hero discussed he reproduces the subject's first adventure story along with a more recent episode." **WOMAN'S WEAR DAILY**: "Lee— might almost be a movie director using the storyboard approach." **FAMILY WEEKLY**: "Stan Lee is in 'big time' publishing." **THE PITTSBURGH**: "This work— is integral to the development of each of the fictional characters created by Marvel. It is a genealogy, a bible. The greatest criticism of the book is that it is not enough." **BERGEN COUNTY RECORD**: "ORIGINS holds

one's interest— Lee's writing is as colorful as the book's reprints of historic back issues. What also holds the reader is its recounting of the feeling that went into the creation of the superheroes." **THE RUTGERS DAILY TARGUM**: "The one book you can't afford to miss." **PHILADELPHIA BULLETIN**: "Stan Lee, guiding genius of 'Marvelmania' in comic books, has included some gloriously marvel-maniacal comics in this sampler. Even adults, especially gallery-goers, should enjoy the artistry of Marvel Comics books; far and away the leaders in their field." **CHICAGO NEWS**: "True believers, step right up!"

And that's only a sample of the hundreds that are pouring in! Who says comics aren't an idea whose time has come? Who says your bluishin' Bullpen hasn't achieved the year's most stupendous literary breakthrough? Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Comics? And before some wiseguy shouts "I say!", I'm sittin' out— it's time to take a troll to sea!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! What's that, Tigers? You say you've been silently scanning those fitting letters pages you've become so avericiously addicted to while reading our titanic titles to these many Marvelous years, and you've yet to find the startling new **MARVEL VALUE STAMPS** we've been promising to toss at ya for the past few months? Well, don't fret, Fearless Ones, your eagle eyes aren't failing you—it's just that the ever-unpredictable inmates of your batty Marvel Bullpen have decided to go all out as usual in their quest to provide the most royally rapturous recreation possible for True Believers everywhere. When the now-legendary **SECOND SERIES** of MVStamps finally assaults your wide-open orbs in just a few short weeks, they will stun you, they will shock you, they will leave you utterly speechless—for in all your years as madcap Marvelites, you will never in your memdry have seen the like of what we have in store for you! And remember, even though the concept is so daringly different, you'll still be able to treat yourself to the same glamorous goodies and more when all one hundred startling stamps are at last in your pulse-pounding possession! Truth to tell, we wouldn't do all this if we didn't love ya!

ITEM! Everyone here has heard the name **DAMON RUNYON**. He's the scintillating author whose singular view of the screwy city called New York has delighted the hearts of millions everywhere, and birthed such world-renowned productions as "Guys and

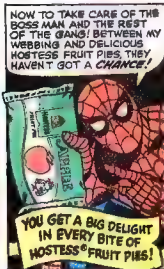
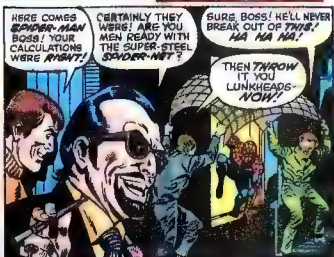
Dolls" and "Pocketsful of Miracles." A genius, right? So who'd ever have thought that **TONY (The Tiger) ISABELLA**, bare-faced youth from Cleveland, would someday move to Fun City and directly into the penthouse apartment once owned by the illustrious Mr. Runyon himself. We won't say that this startling fact has had any sort of adverse effect on the Tigerish One, but we've noticed a disturbing tendency for names like "Sky Masterson" and "Apple Annie" to pop up in Tony's scripts of late. A subtle influence—or perhaps more? (Wow, what a strange idea—the **GHOST RIDER** scripted by a ghost writer!)

ITEM! Hey, hope you're one of the lucky ones who's been latching onto the minor masterpieces Judo **JIM STARLIN** has been turning out every sixty days on the all-new, all-improved **WARLOCK** strip. As far as we can tell, **STRANGE TALES** fanatics everywhere are flipping their collective corkers over the spectacular Mr. Starlin's dynamic drawings (not to mention his sizzling scripting and capricious coloring). In fact, the only discouraging words we've heard at all thus far have come from a grasperous gray gargoyles called **The Golem**—and we suspect that he might be just a wee bit prejudiced! Also, let's not forget Dynamic **DAVE COCKRUM**, whose fan dream of a lifetime came true when he was chosen to illustrate the equally-all-new, equally-all-improved adventures of the X-cruciatingly X-clinging **X-MEN**, who are currently cavorting in their brand-new **GIANT-SIZE** mag!

Who says this ain't the Marvel Age of Sensational Second Chances?

ITEM! And just so you don't think we're sitting on our slightly-wilted laurels, we're gonna let you in on a few bearing secrets! Listen closely now: we're gonna whisper 'cause we don't want the competition to hear the names of our newest stars! They'll be popping up in their own spanking-new features in the next few months—and we want you to be prepared for 'em! So look out for **BLOODSTONE**—he stalks the shadowed lands **WHERE MONSTERS DWELL!** And the sinister **SCARECROW** will be waiting for you in the **DEAD OF NIGHT!** The mind-boggling **MODRED**! The **MYSTIC** will be battling arcane forces in the back of **GIANT-SIZE WEREWOLF!** And lastly, prepare yourself for the coming of **SKULL THE SLAYER**, a character with a sdy-line so powerful, we haven't decided where we're gonna present it just yet. Hang in there, Pilgrim—the best is yet to come. (And if you have a few paltry shekels left over, you might want to pick up the first pulse-pounding issue of a little item called **GIANT-SIZE INVADERS!** It features the all-new adventures of **CAPTAIN AMERICA** and **BUCKY**, the savage **SUB-MARINER**, and the Original **HUMAN TORCH** and **TORO**, fighting for freedom in the torrid early days of World War Two! It's a concept so off-beat, you're just gonna have to love it!) And on that note, we return you to your regularly-scheduled Marvel mag.

SPIDER-MAN in THE TRAP



PETER RASPUTIN LOOKS UP FROM HIS WORK--AND HIS EYES BROW WIDE WITH HORROR!

HE DISCERNES IT ALL IN AN INSTANT:
THE RUNAWAY TRACTOR--THE
CHILD PLUNGING BLINDLY IN ITS PATH.

--AND, WITHOUT HESITATION,
PETER RASPUTIN'S RUN-
NING, LEGS PUMING,
HEART POUNDING--

THE VERY AIR
AROUND HIM
CRACKLING WITH
THE ENERGY
OF HIS FUROR--



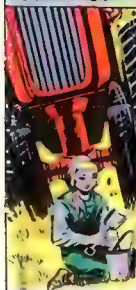
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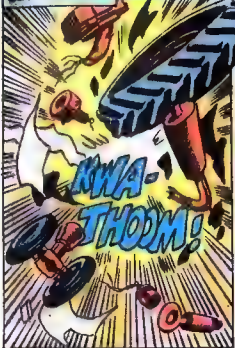
--AS AN ARMORED
GIGANTUS
SNATCHES HER
FROM ITS PATH!

THERE IS NO TIME FOR PETER RASPUTIN TO
MOVE OUT OF NOBIL'S WAY.



THUS HE STANDS HIS
GROUND AS THE RAMPANT
TRACTOR PLUNGES
TOWARD HIM--

...AND HE WONDERS HOW HIS POOR NEIGHBORS WILL EVER AFFORD TO BUY ANOTHER!



THAT, THOUGH, IS A WORRY FOR ANOTHER DAY.



THIS DAY WILL BE FILLED WITH PROBLEMS ENOUGH.

PETER RASPUTIN, I WISH TO TALK TO YOU.

THAT VOICE IN MY HEAD--! WHO--?



BY NOW, WE KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION--



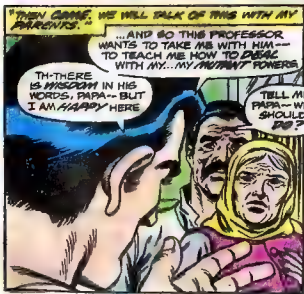
...SO MOMENTS LATER...

YOU WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU... TO AMERICA?

BUT IF I POSSESS SUCH POWER AS YOU SAY-- DOES IT NOT BELONG TO THE STATE?

POWER SUCH AS YOURS BELONGS TO THE WORLD, PETER-- TO BE USED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL.

AND BELIEVE ME-- YOUR POWERS ARE HARNESSED!

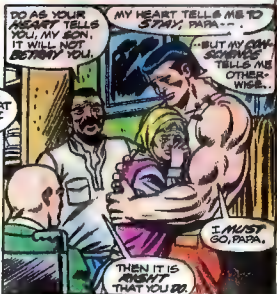


"THEN COME. WE WILL TALK OF THIS WITH MY PARENTS."

...AND SO THIS PROFESSOR WANTS TO TAKE ME WITH HIM-- TO TEACH ME HOW TO DEAL WITH MY... MY MUTANT POWERS.

TH--THERE IS WISDOM IN HIS WORDS, PAPA-- BUT I AM HAPPY HERE

TELL ME, PAPA-- WHAT SHOULD I DO?



DO AS YOUR HEART TELLS YOU, MY SON. IT WILL NOT BETRAY YOU.

MY HEART TELLS ME TO STAY, PAPA--

--BUT MY CONSCIENCE TELLS ME OTHERWISE..

I MUST GO, PAPA.

THEN IT IS RIGHT THAT YOU GO.



CHAPTER
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"AND WHEN THERE WAS ONE!"

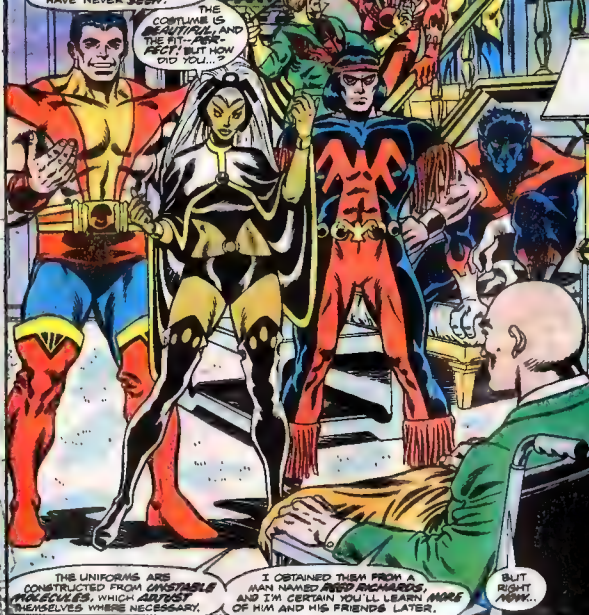
WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK: THE SCHOOL HAD SEEMED A LATTER-DAY TOWER OF BABEL AT FIRST-- BUT A TELEPATHIC CRASH COURSE IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE HAD CLOSED THE COMMUNICATION GAP IN mere MINUTES.

NOW PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER SITS, SOMBERSLY STUDYING HIS COLORFULLY-COSTUMED HOUSE-GUESTS--

--AND WHATEVER THOUGHTS HE MIGHT HAVE AT THIS POINT ARE HIS ALONE TO KNOW.

IN ALL MY LIFE, SUCH CLOTHING AS THIS I HAVE NEVER SEEN!

THE COSTUME IS BEAUTIFUL, AND THE FIT--PERFECT! BUT HOW DID YOU...?



THE UNIFORMS ARE CONSTRUCTED FROM UNSTABLE MOLECULES, WHICH ADJUST THEMSELVES WHERE NECESSARY.

I OBTAINED THEM FROM A MAN NAMED REED RICHARDS, AND I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL LEARN MORE OF HIM AND HIS FRIENDS LATER.

BUT RIGHT NOW...

CAN EVEN THE FANTASTIC FOUR SAVE THE INHUMANS FROM... THEMSELVES?



RIGHT NOW
YOU WILL TELL
US WHY YOU
DROGGED
US HERE,
PROFESSOR!

I, FOR ONE, AM
SWIFTLY LOSING
MY PATIENCE!

SUNFIRE
PLEASE--



--IT WAS NOT MY
INTENTION TO
WASTE YOUR
TIME

I'VE MERELY
AWAITED THE
ARRIVAL OF
ONE WHO CAN
EXPLAIN THE
SITUATION
FAR BETTER
THAN I



MY FRIENDS,
ALLOW ME TO
PRESENT SCOTT
SUMMERS--

--THE MAN CALLED
CYCLOPS!

HE WILL FILL
YOU IN ON THE
DETAILS.



THE "DETAILS," PEOPLE,
ARE DEPRESSINGLY
SIMPLE!

YOU HAVE BEEN
CALLED HERE BECAUSE
THE X-MEN HAVE
DISAPPEARED!



YOU SEVEN ARE OUR ONLY
HOPE OF. BUT I'M GETTING
AHEAD OF MYSELF

COME ON
I MAY AS
WELL SHOW
YOU WHERE IT
ALL BEGAN!



THIS IS CEREBRO, OUR
SPECIALLY-DESIGNED
MUTANT-DETECTOR!

IT'S THRU THIS
MECHANISM THAT WE
DISCOVERED ALL
OF YOU--

--AND
LOST MY
CLOSEST
FRIENDS!

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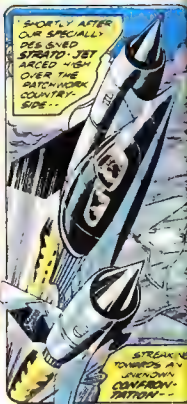
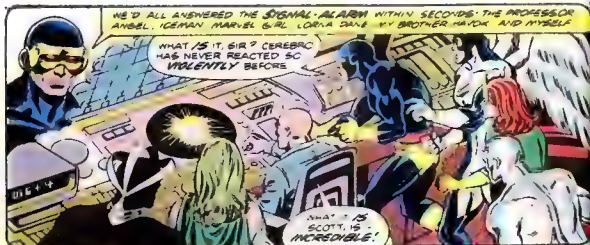
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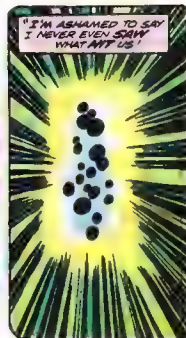
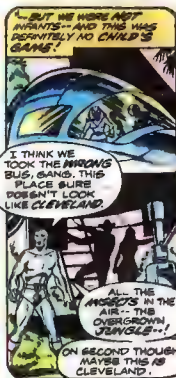
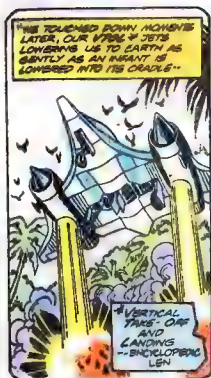
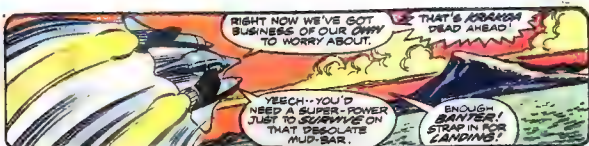
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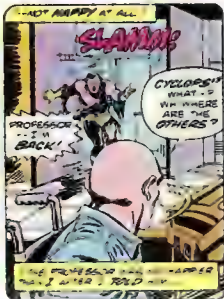
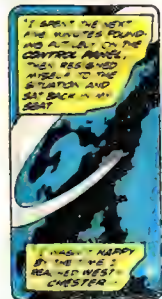
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I DON'T UNDERSTAND, SUNFIRE-- WE OFFER YOU A CHANCE TO HELP YOUR FELLOW MUTANTS AND...

I DO NOT EVEN LIKE MY FELLOW MUTANTS, CYCLOPS!

I CERTAINLY WILL NOT RISK MY LIFE TO HELP THEM!

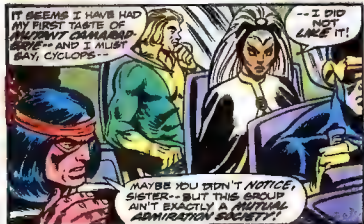


I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, SUNFIRE-- BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO WASTE ARGUING!

THE REST OF US HAVE A JOB TO DO-- AND WE'RE GOING TO DO IT!



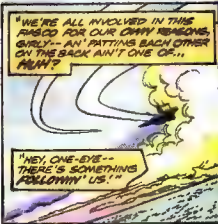
MOMENTS LATER, THE STRATO-JET STREAKS SKYWARD-- AND THERE IS ONLY ONE EMPTY SEAT ON BOARD...



IT SEEMS I HAVE HAD MY FIRST TASTE OF MUTANT CAMARADERIE-- AND I MUST SAY, CYCLOPS--

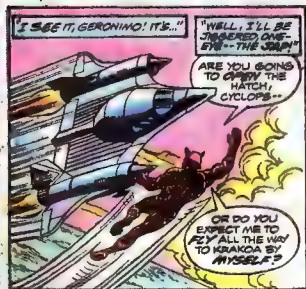
-- I DID NOT LIKE IT!

MAYBE YOU DIDN'T NOTICE, SISTER-- BUT THIS GROUP AIN'T EXACTLY A MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY!



"WE'RE ALL INVOLVED IN THIS FIASCO FOR OUR OWN REASONS, GUY-- AN' PATTING EACH OTHER ON THE BACK AIN'T ONE OF 'EM."

"HEY, ONE-EYE-- THERE'S SOMETHING FELLOWIN' US!"



"I SEE IT, GERONIMO! IT'S..."

"WELL, I'LL BE JAGGERED ONE-EYE-- THE JAP!"

ARE YOU GOING TO OPEN THE HATCH, CYCLOPS--

OR DO YOU EXPECT ME TO FLY ALL THE WAY TO KRAKOA BY MYSELF?



SO--THE PRODIGAL MUTANT RETURNS! WHY DID YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND, SUNFIRE-- AFRAID TO GO HOME ALONE?

MY REASONS ARE NOBODY'S BUSINESS BUT MY OWN, MISFIT! YOU'D DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT!

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SO THAT'S WHERE
YOU MISLAID YOUR PARTNERS' HUH?

CAN'T SAY MUCH FOR YOUR
TASTE IN VACATION
SPOTS, EUMMERS!

"AND I CAN'T SAY MUCH
FOR YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR,
WOLVERINE! NOR YOURS,
THUNDERBIRD!"

"THE NAME IS
PROUDSTAR,
ONE-EYE!"

"NOT ANYMORE! THE
PROFESSOR HAS GIVEN
YOU ALL CODE-NAMES,
GROUP! YOU MIGHT AS
WELL START GETTING
USED TO THEM!"

"NOW THE ASSAULT
TEAMS WILL BE AS
FOLLOWS

"STORM, YOU AND
COLOSSUS WILL
COME IN FROM THE
NORTH!"

BANSHEE AND THE
WOLVERINE WILL
MOVE ACROSS FROM
THE EAST!

"IT'S
A PLEASURE
TA BE
WORKIN'
WITH YE,
LADDY

WHOOPEE

"SUNFIRE AND THE
NIGHTCRAWLER WILL
START SEARCHING FROM
THE SOUTH!"

NO...
NOT
HIM!

I DID NOT HEAR
CYCLOPS GIVING YOU
A CHOICE, MAN.

THUNDERBIRD
AND I WILL HANDLE
THE WEST END
OF THE 'ISLAND'
'IS COMING UP!

I DON'T MUCH
LIKE THE TONE
OF YOUR VOICE
CYCLOPS!

"WE CAN ARGUE
ABOUT IT WHEN
YOU GET BACK!
NOW-- GO!"

"EAST TEAM
--GO!"

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HAVE TO SCREECH
LIKE THAT?

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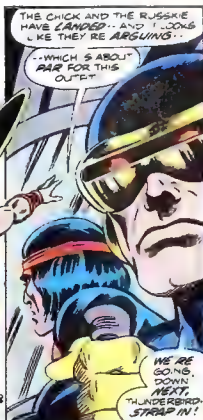
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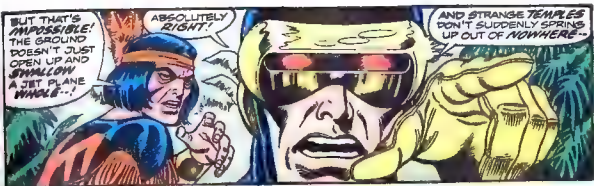
--BUT HE LEAVES HIS FEAR IN THE SHIP



YES SIR, GENERAL ONE EYE GIR' I JUST HOPE YOU'RE NOT LEADING ME INTO ANOTHER LITTLE BIG HORN!



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AND STRANGE TEMPLES DON'T SUDDENLY SPRING UP OUT OF NOWHERE...



BUT ONE HAS...

HUH? THAT JOINT WASN'T THERE WHEN WE LANDED!



EXACTLY! AND SINCE IT SEEMS AS GOOD A SPOT AS ANY TO START SEARCHING...

LET'S GO!



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...AND APPARENTLY, THE FEELING IS RECIPROCAL!

THE VINES-- THEY'RE ALIVE--!!



A CONDITION WE WON'T SHARE MUCH LONGER...

--UNLESS WE DO SOMETHING FAST!



GOT ANY SUGGESTIONS IN PARTICULAR, ONE-EYE?



NOT REALLY, THUNDERBIRD!

FOR A BEGINNER, YOU'RE DOING PRETTY WELL ON YOUR OWN!



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NOT RECALL SEEING
THAT TEMPLE BEFORE



COME,
COLOSSUS--LET
US BEGIN OUR
SEARCH THERE!

WHATEVER
YOU SAY, ORORO.
YOU ARE SO
UNLIKE THE
GIRLS IN MY...
BUT THAT
SOUND...



AN AVAL-
LANCE!



QUICKLY,
COLOSSUS--
PERHAPS WE
CAN STILL
OUTRUN IT!

HAS CHANGED
ITS DIRECTION
TO FOLLOW US!



HE MIGHT
BUT IT!
THIS LANDSLIDE
CANNOT BE
OUTRUN, ORORO!



THOSE MAD ROCKS
CAN NO LONGER
HAUNT ME ORORO.

THEN IF WE CANNOT
AVOID A CONFRONTATION, WE
MUST STAND OUR GROUND--
AND DEFEND OURSELVES!



KHUMPH!

--BUT FOR
DROPPING
THEY, I SHALL
CRUSH THEM!



"I AM NO
LONGER
THREAT-
ENING."

I THANK YOU,
PETER--BUT THERE
IS NO NEED TO
PROTECT ME!

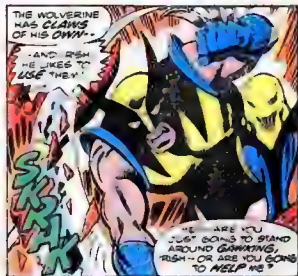
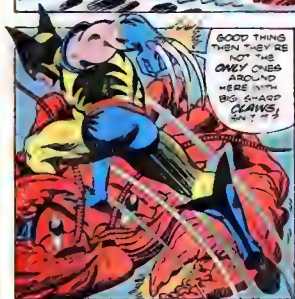
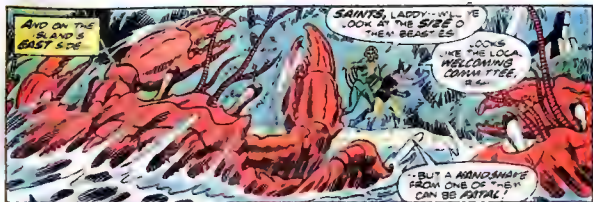


AND SHORTLY...

STORM
COLOSSUS
GLAD YOU
MADE IT IN
ONE
PIECE.

BARELY,
CYCLOPS
JUST
BARELY.
I ONLY
HOPE THE
OTHERS
ARRIVE
SAFELY AS
WELL.

THE MIGHTY THOR HAS BUT "ONE LIFE TO GIVE"-- AND THE ABSORBING MAN WANTS TO TAKE IT!



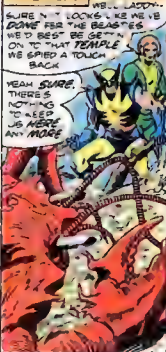
BUT THIS ERM-BODI MUTANT IS A READY ABOUT--AND THOUGH HIS RING SCREAM ISN'T HEARD, SO PLAMBERTANT AS HIS COMPLAINING SLAMMING TALONS--



...IT IS NONETHELESS BRUALLY EFFECTIVE!



THE BATTLE IS VIOLENT-- BUT BRIEF!



AND SOON...



WHILE ON THE ISLAND'S SOUTH SIDE.

THESE BIRDS SEEM DETERMINED TO PREVENT US FROM REACHING THAT STRANGE TEMPLE AHEAD, SUNFIRE!

A REMARKABLE OBSERVATION, MIGHTY! YOU HAVE A POSITIVE TALENT FOR STATING THE OBVIOUS!

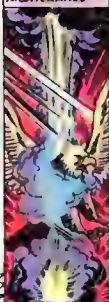


SKREEE

OUR SARCASTIC UNCALLED FOR SUN FIRE I BEGIN TO THINK THE MUTANT COMMUNITY IS NO MORE HOSPITABLE THAN THE HUMAN. EN?

THAT BIRD ABOUT TO BAKE ME WITH ITS TALONS...

A BURST OF FLAME... THE STENCH OF BRIMSTONE... AND THE MUTANT CALLED NIGHTCRAWLER



...S SUDDENLY ELSEWHERE

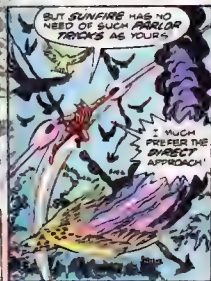


MR. LAUSN IS LITTLE MORE THAN A WIDE-OPEN MOUTH!

YOUR MANNER SEEMS MUCH LIKE THAT OF THE BEASTS YOU SO RESEMBLE, MIGHTY!



NOW APPROPRIATE!



BUT SUNFIRE HAS NO NEED OF SUCH PARLOR TRICKS AS YOURS

I MUCH PREFER THE DIRECT APPROACH!



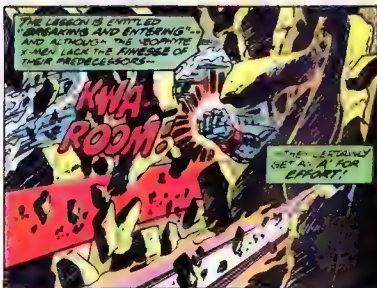
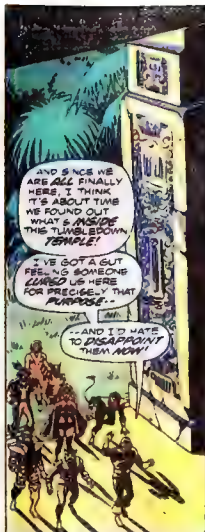
YOUR "DIRECT APPROACH" IT APPEARS, HAS LEFT US WITH OUT COMPLEMENTS, SUNFIRE

THEN I SUGGEST WE GET ON TO THAT TEMPLE, MIGHTY! ASSUMING, OF COURSE, YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME!



AND FINALLY... CYCLOPS! HAVE WE KEPT YOU WAITING LONG?

NOT AT ALL! JUST GOT HERE OURSELVES!





IMAGES FLOOD MUTANT MINDS
AS THEY STAND ROOTED TO THE
SPOT.

THE SUN BURST
BRILLIANCE OF AN
EARLY ATOMIC
TEST.

THESE WERE
RADIATION PERME-
ATED EYES LYING
ORGANISM HERE.

UNTIL THEY OVER-
LAPPED IN A COLONY
INTELLIGENCE THAT
SAVED THE ISLAND A
LIFE OF ITS OWN.

BUT KRAKOA SEEN
NECESSARY THEN.

A HUNGER
SAFE, I
APPEARED
FROM THE
K-ARMY
AND YED
UPON THE
SCENE.

KRAKOA AND
UPON THEIR
MUTANT
ENERGIES
AND GROW
HOMESSEE
BY.

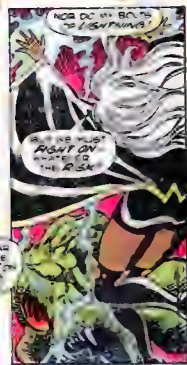
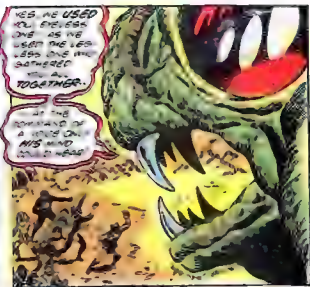
THIS IS
REBASED ONE
EYEMAN AND SEN
HUMANITY TO
AND MORE FOOD.

WALKING
CIVILIZED
DVD.

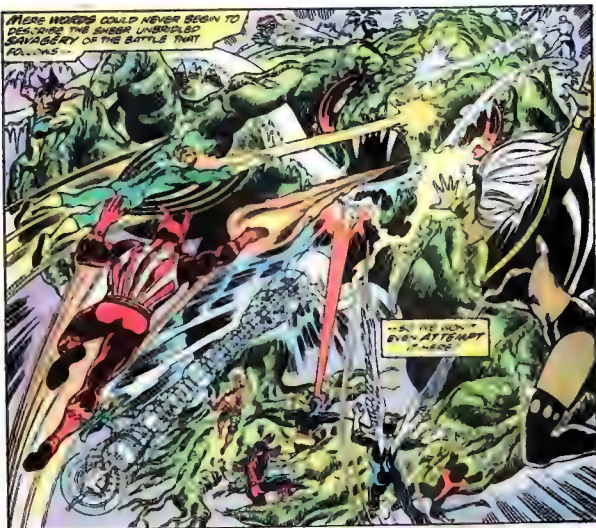
CHAPTER
IV

KRAKOA

THE ISLAND THAT
WALKS LIKE A MAN.



THESE WORDS COULD NEVER BEGIN TO DESCRIBE THE SHEER UNBRIDLED SAVAGERY OF THE BATTLE THAT FOLLOWS...



...BUT THE RISK OF
EVEN ATTEMPTING
TO REACH

SUFFICE IT TO SAY
THAT THE CONFLICT
GOES WILDLY ON UNTIL...

BOOTH: STOP! YOU'RE
GOING ABOUT THIS
ALL WRONG!



I'VE BEEN
MENTALLY
MONITORING
YOUR BATTLE
THUS FAR...

...STUDYING
THIS
LIVING
ISLAND...

...AND I
BELIEVE I
DISCOVERED
ITS SOLE
WEAK POINT!



...ALL THIS IS
MY PLAN.

IN AN INSTANT, PRO-
FESSOR CHARLES
NANER & MEN'S COM-
MANDS ARE PROTECTED
NANER AROUND A
WORLD...

...THEY'LL CLOSE
THE EYES, STEELS
THEMSELVES FOR THE
COMING ORDEAL...

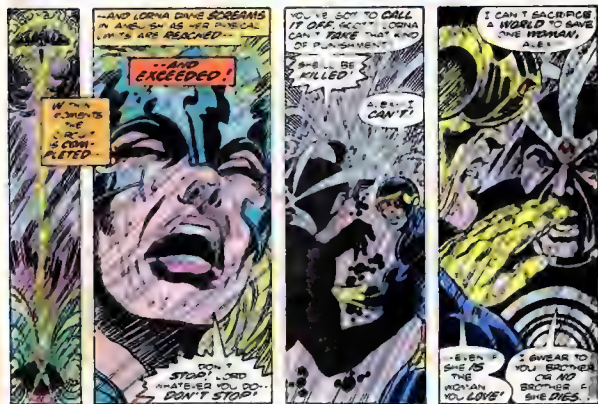
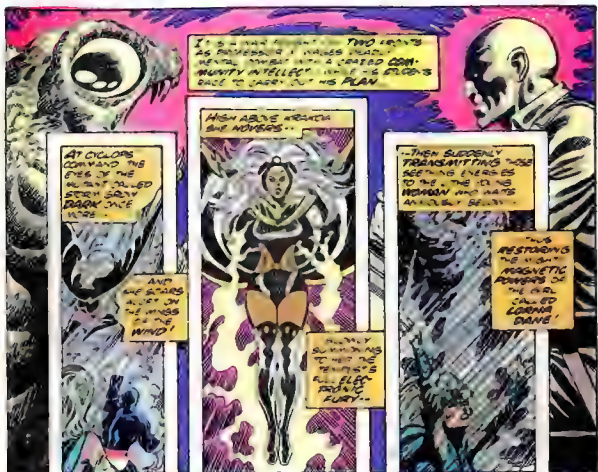


...CONCENTRATES...

...AND THE BATTLE
IS JOINED!



WHO WILL BE DRAFTED IN THE SEARCH FOR THE NEW AVENGERS? FIND OUT IN ISSUE #130!





THE REMAINDER OF HAVOK'S ANGRY OUTBURST IS SLAIN BY THE CRACKLING ROAR OF THE THUNDEROUS DOWN-POUR.



"EVEN AS THE TERROR-TIAL WATERS LEAD LIFE TO SOMETHING ELSE!"

"BEGORRA! THE BLUNNY BEAST'S GETTING STRONGER NOW."

"BUT HOW?"



CYCLOPS THE ISLAND'S MIND HAS SUDDENLY GROWN MORE POWERFUL



I-I CAN'T MAINTAIN MY ASSAULT ANY LONGER!
FORGIVE ME SCOTT

BUT I FEAR YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN



FOOLS! YOU BROUGHT RAIN FROM THE SKY TO DESTROY US -

...BUT IT SERVES ONLY TO REPLENISH US...



--AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO DESTROY YOU!

BUT AS BEFORE THE X-MEN ARGUE THAT AGAIN...

SURE STRONGLY!



WE CAN'T HOLD THAT THING OFF FOREVER SCOTT! IF THE PROFESSOR'S PLAN DOESN'T WORK

WE'LL KNOW IF IT WORKS SOON ENOUGH JEAN GET EVERYBODY BACK!

WE'RE READY TO BEGIN!



WITH THAT, A SOLEMN SCOTT SUMMERS TURNS--TO FIND THAT THE FIGURE OF LORNA DANE HAS BECOME LOST WITHIN A COERCING MAGNETIC TOWER OF THEIR MAGNETIC FORCE

HIS MUTANT EYES NARROW--AND A SINGLE WORD RINGS UPON HIS LIPS

NOW!

WITH ALMOST INSURSCRIBABLE FORCE, LORNA'S MAGNETIC ENERGIES ERUPT DOWNWARD--



...FIVE MILES OF OCEAN--



...FOUR THOUSAND MILES OF THE EARTH'S ANCIENT CRUST--



--DOWN-- TO THE VERY MOLTEN CENTER OF THE PLANET ITSELF--

...WHERE ITS EFFECTS ARE IMMEDIATE-- AND VOL-
CENT--



WHY WHAT IS HAPPENING TO US? WHY DO WE FEEL SO STRANGE?

OUR MINDS WANT TO SO CAN'T RETAIN OUR MAMMOTH FORM

PLEASE HELP US



IT'S WORKING EXACTLY AS THE PROFESSOR SAID IT WOULD

WE'VE ONLY GOT SECONDS TO CLEAR OUT OF HERE-- BEFORE THE END!



LORNA'S TOO WEAK TO RUN FOR IT I'LL END

THE LADY DOESN'T NEED YOUR HELP! NOT SHOT! SHE'S IN GOOD HANDS FOR A CHANGE

AND YOU LITTLE

LATER-- NOW JUST MOVE IT!

AND MOVE IT, THEY DO-- AS FEW OTHER BEINGS ON EARTH COULD--



HOLY CROW! WE'VE TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEACH UP AHEAD?

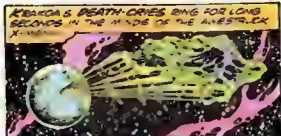
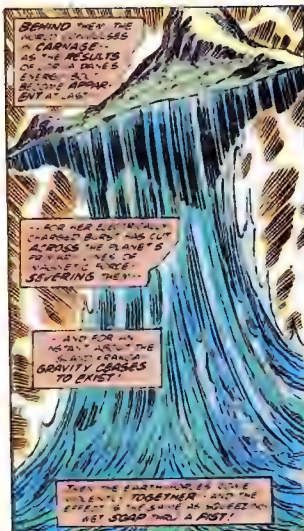
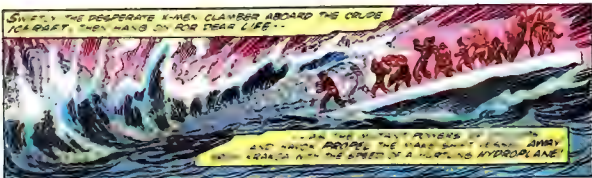
THIS WHOLE FREAKIN' ISLAND IS BREAKIN' UP AROUND US!

AND WITHOUT OUR STRATO-JET, THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET FAR ENOUGH FROM THE ISLAND BEFORE

NEVER LET IT BE SAID WE ICE MEN AREN'T GOOD FOR SOMETHING, ANGEL!



EVERYBODY GET ABOARD-- AND FAST!



VORACIOUSLY, THE GREAT ICE-BUBBLE IS SUCKED INTO THE WILDY-SWIRLING MAIN--



--AND THOSE WITHIN ARE BATTERED ALMOST SENSELESS AGAINST ITS COLD, UNFEELING WALLS.



THEY VOICE THEIR PAIN ENTHUSIASTICALLY--

--AND THEN THEY ARE GONE!



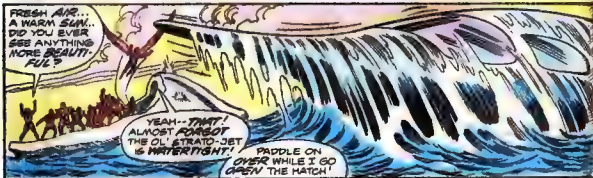
THE SEETHING WATERS SWIRL CLOSED ABOVE THEIR HEADS--AND FOR A TIME THE SEA IS CALM.

THE MINUTES PASS INTERMINABLY--THEN THE HUGE BLEATING BUBBLE BURSTS THE WATER'S SURFACE--



--AND IS ITSELF BURST IN TURN BY A BEAM OF SCARLET FURY!

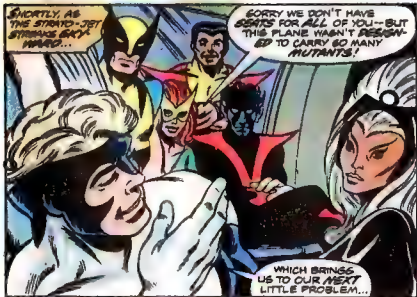
FRESH AIR... A WARM SUN... DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING MORE BEAUTIFUL?



YEAH--THAT! ALMOST FORGOT THE OL' STRATO-JET IS WATER TIGHT!

PADDLE ON OVER WHILE I GO OPEN THE MATCH!

SHORTLY, AS THE STRATO-JET STRIKES BACKWARD...



SORRY WE DON'T HAVE SEATS FOR ALL OF YOU--BUT THIS PLANE WASN'T DESIGNED TO CARRY SO MANY MUTANTS!

WHICH BRINGS US TO OUR NEXT LITTLE PROBLEM...

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIRTEEN X-MEN?



WE'LL FIND OUT NEXT ISSUE WHEN THE DOOMSMITH STRIKES!

AN EXTRAORDINARY **X-MEN** BONUS FEATURE!

CALL HIM...

CYCLOPS

THE REBEL ANGEL OF THE BEAST... THE STRONGEST OF THE X-MEN... THE MARVEL GUY... THE ICEMAN... THE SUB-ZERO... THE ANGRY... THE DARK... THE BLASTS... SCOTT SUMMERS

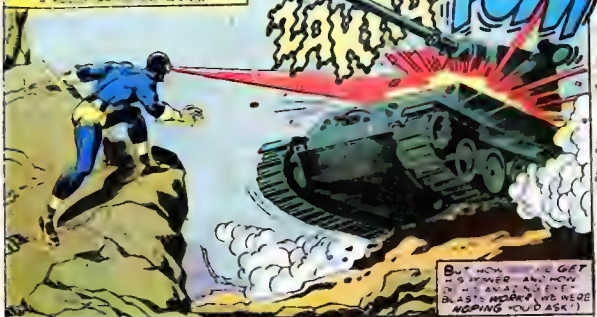
AT LAST! A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE X-MEN... INSIDE INFO... THE MOST MYSTERIOUS OF THE X-MEN...



NONE BUT EDITOR STAN LEE
NONE BUT WRITER ROY THOMAS
AND ARTIST WERNER ROTH
LETTERED ARTIE SIMKE
TO SPELL A NAME LIKE
JOHN VERPOORTEN!

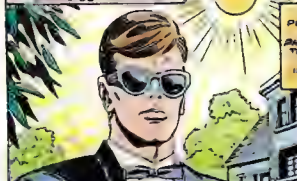
AND NOW IT'S
YOUR TURN
TO SPEAK

THOUGH HE'S ONE SUPERHERO WHO WOULD RATHER SWITCH OFF HIS SUPER POWER THAN FIGHT THE SENSATIONAL MR. SUMMERS, SCOTT CAN'T HELP POSSESSING AN ON-MAN STAMPERING GUN TO DEMOLISH A FULLY ARMED TANK...



BUT NOW WE GET HIS POWER AND HOW IT WORKS (WE'RE BLASTING WORKS WE WERE HOPEING YOU'D ASK)

IT'S NEVER BEFORE BEEN REVEALED...BUT THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF THESE OPTIC BEAMS IS THE LIFE-GIVING SUN ITSELF



SCOTT'S PERCING BROWN EYES ACT AS MINATURE YET ULTRA EFFECTIVE SOLAR BATTERIES...STORING UP LIGHT AS DO THE PLANTS AROUND US

AND IN A PROCESS NOT UNLIKE PHOTOSYNTHESIS, THEY CONVERT IT INTO IRRADIANT ENERGY!



EVEN WHEN YOU MIGHT DOZE OFF DURING A SUN-BATHING SESSION A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF LIGHT WILL PENETRATE HIS MUTANT EYES...



BUT IF HE ACCIDENTALLY OPENS THOSE POWER-PAKED PEEVYERS SANGWAY!

SINCE VIRTUALLY ALL NATURAL LIGHT ON EARTH COMES DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM THE SUN, A SMALL AMOUNT OF POWER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE EVEN AT NIGHT



AS EVERY TRUE X-MEN
ARCHMAGO KNOWS BY HEART,
THE POTENTIALLY LETHAL
RAYS FORMED IN THIS MANNER
CAN BE STOPPED ONLY BY THE
RUBY QUARTZ OF CYCLOPS'
SUNGLASSES OR VISOR...

A SIMPLE PRESS OF
THIS STUD ON THE
SIDE OF MY VISOR--

--AND I'M READY
TO TAKE ON
ANYBODY THIS
SIDE OF
FORBUSH-MAN!

"WHY RUBY QUARTZ? WE'LL
LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS
WE FIGURE IT OUT OURSELVES!"
--STAN, ROY AND WERNER.



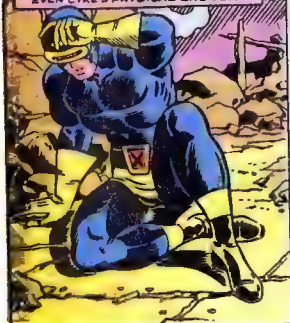
AT CYKE'S TOUCH, THE SPECIALLY-
CREATED VISOR BEAMS--TO
RELEASE A WIDE-SWEEPING
ARC OF IMMENSE POWER...

PLAKK!!

BECAUSE OF THE DESIGN
OF THE VISOR, THE
ARC MAY BE WIDENED
OR NARROWED--TO
SUIT SCOTT'S TARGET
FOR THE DAY!

OF COURSE, JUST LIKE MORE ALEPHIAN
STORAGE BATTERIES, THE POWER OF THE EYE-
BEAMS MAY BE DISCHARGED MORE RAPIDLY
THAN IT CAN BE REPLENISHED...

AND, SUCH IS THE CLOSE COORDINATION
BETWEEN SIGHT, MIND, AND BODY--THAT
SUCH A GREAT EXPENDITURE DRAINS
EVEN CYKE'S PHYSICAL ENERGY!



BUT, AS SCOTT SUMMERS GROWS OLDER--HIS
EYES, LIKE HIS BODY, GROW EVER STRONGER...
AND THE TIME FOR TOTAL RECHARGING IS
CONSTANTLY LESSENING...

I'M BETTING CYCLOPS
CAN'T BOTHER US FOR
A LONG WH--

--UNNNH!!--

BRAK!!

I'LL TAKE
HALF
THAT BET.
VANISHER!



NOW, JUST TO PROVE THAT OUR ENEMY ARMY MEN DON'T SPEND ALL THEIR TIME SAVING THE WORLD - HERE'S A SOMEWHAT MORE DOWN-TO-EARTH SITUATION.

BY THE WAY, CONTRARY TO WHAT A FEW MERE LADS BELIEVE, THESE EYES DON'T HAVE ONLY FORCE - NOT HEAT!

GOT TO STOP THAT UNIVERSE BUS BEFORE ANYBODY GETS HURT!

WITH THE EYES PRESS THE ENEMY GET THROUGH THE DEPRESSIBLE DEGRADABLE REPORT - WAS HALTED BY DON MAN'S REPULSOR RAYS!

BEH, HALL, I WOULD HAVE COULD SAVE ALL MY MONEY ON A SUN LAMP THIS WATER! - SAVE A BUCK STAN

HEAT JUST IN CASE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF THE MANY USES OF REEFER POWER

HE STATED THAT BOULDER COLD - JUST BY LOOKIN' AT

SPLAT

MUST USE A LITTLE OF THE ENERGY TO IMMOBILIZE THE ENEMY

NOT SHATTER

THEN WHEN HE OPENS HIS EYES ALL THE WAY...

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!

IT'S COMING RIGHT BACK AT US

YOU STAY HERE AND ARGUE ABOUT HOW IMPOSSIBLE

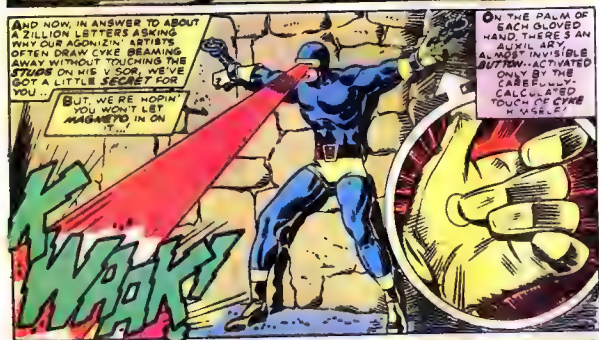
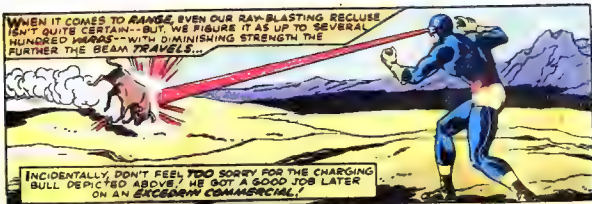
ME IN CHARGE OF THE RAY'S UNKNOWN

AND IN CASES WHERE ABSOLUTE PRECISION IS CALLED FOR, SCOTTY'S ALL-PURPOSE THERMION JUST TO CREATE A BEAM OF ALMOST MICROSCOPIC WIDTH - NEEDS BE

THOUGH, FRANKLY WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE'S DOING IN THIS CASE, EITHER!

NOTE FOR NIT-PICKERS

THERE HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THE SAME EFFECT BY SQUINTING - BUT OUR WAY IS A LITTLE MORE DEPENDABLE!



ANOTHER PAGE FROM THE **X-FAMILY ALBUM**

**PREE-
SENTING**

I, THE ICEMAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN
AND REGULAR READERS:
PERMIT ME TO KIP YOU
TO THE INSIDE STORY OF
MY SUB-ZERO EXISTENCE!

SURE, IT CAN BE COLD
AS A PAWNBROKER'S HEART!

FROZEN AS A BILL
COLLECTOR'S SMILE!

HARD AS AN ALGEBRA
END-TERM! AND YET...

WHOOOSH!

"IT HAS ITS
GOOD POINTS
TOO!"

LIKE FOR EXAMPLE,
I CAN CREAM YOU WITH
A SNOWBALL IN JULY!

YOU GOTTA ADMIT
THERE'S SOMETHING
TO BE SAID FOR THAT--

--AFTER YOU
GET THE SNOW
OUT OF YOUR
MOUTH!

F-F-FRIGIDLY
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STAN LEE

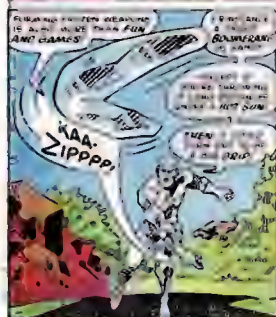
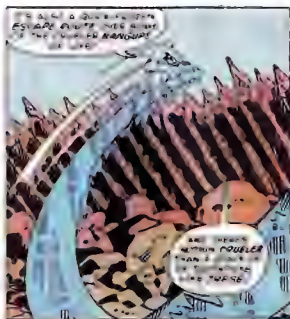
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SCRIPTED BY
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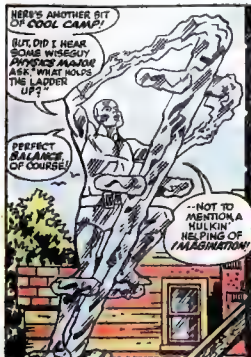
F-F-PETRIFYINGLY
PENNED BY
WERNER ROTH

I-I-ICILY
INKED BY
JOHN VERFOORTEN

LIKEWARMLY
LETTERED BY
JOE ROSEN

ILLUSTRATION BY T. ADAMS





HERE'S ANOTHER BIT OF COOL CAMP!

BUT, DID I HEAR SOME WISEGUY PHYSICS MAJOR ASK: WHAT HOLDS THE LADDER UP?

PERFECT BALANCE OF COURSE!

--NOT TO MENTION A HULKIN' HELPING OF IMAGINATION!

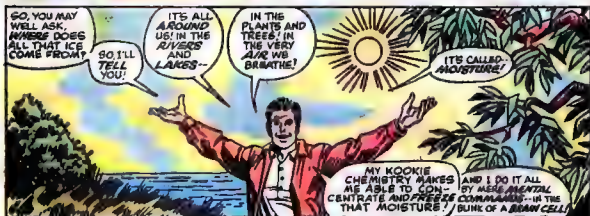


AS YOU CAN SEE, THE USES OF LOW-THERMAL POWERS ARE INFINITE --ALSO ENDLESS!

YOU CAN WALK ACROSS THE WIDEST RIVER--IF YOU'VE GOT A PAIR OF ICESKATES!

OR YOU CAN BUILD YOURSELF YOUR OWN PRIVATE PERSONAL MOUNTAIN--

--AND BE THE FIRST MAN TO CLIMB IT!



SO, YOU MAY WELL ASK, WHERE DOES ALL THAT ICE COME FROM?

SO I'LL TELL YOU!

IT'S ALL AROUND US! IN THE RIVERS AND LAKES--

IN THE PLANTS AND TREES! IN THE VERY AIR WE BREATHE!

IT'S CALLED MOISTURE!

MY KOOKIE CHEMISTRY MAKES ME ABLE TO CONCENTRATE AND FREEZE COMMANDS--IN THE BUNK OF A BRAIN CELL!



ONLY I'VE GOT TO CLIMB OUT OF MY CIVVIES FIRST--

--OR THAT QUICK FREEZE COULD MEAN...INSTANT OVER-EXPOSURE!

YICHHH!

CRACK!



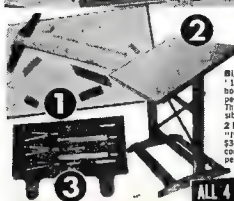
ONCE MY POWERS MATURED, I COULD EVEN FREEZE ISOLATED AXES OF MY BODY!

--WHICH MAKES ME A GOOD MAN TO HAVE AT A PARTY!

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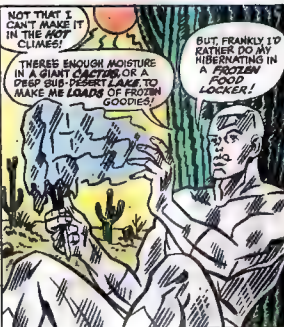
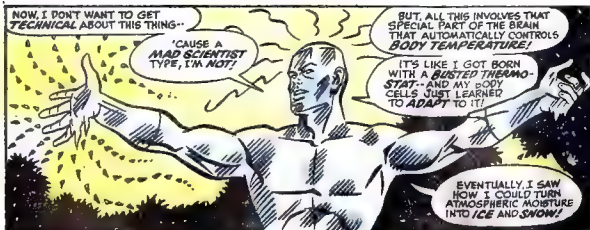
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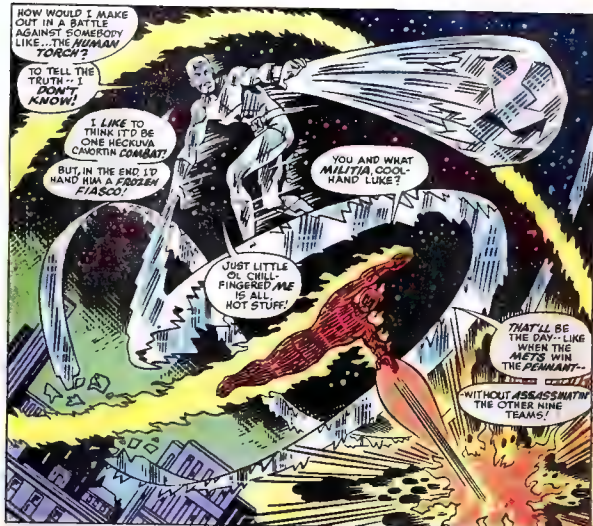
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HOW WOULD I MAKE
OUT IN A BATTLE
AGAINST SOMEBODY
LIKE...THE **HUMAN
TORCH?**

TO TELL THE
TRUTH-- I
**DON'T
KNOW!**

I LIKE TO
THINK IT'D BE
ONE HECKUVA
CAVORTIN **COMBAT!**

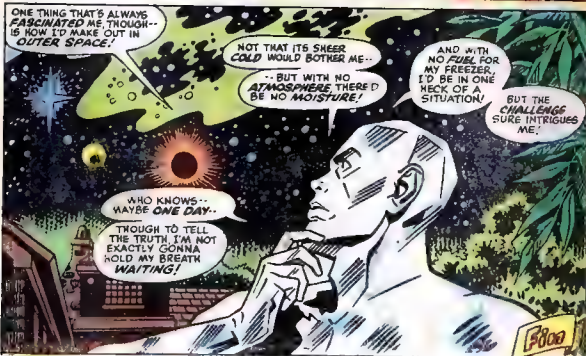
BUT, IN THE END, I'D
HAND HIM A **FROZEN
FIASCO!**

YOU AND WHAT
**MILITIA, COOL-
HAND LUKE?**

JUST LITTLE
OL CHILL-
FINGERED **ME**
IS ALL,
HOT STUFF!

THAT'LL BE
THE DAY-- LIKE
WHEN THE
**METS WIN
THE PENNANT--**

**WITHOUT ASSASSINATING
THE OTHER NINE
TEAMS!**



ONE THING THAT'S ALWAYS
FASCINATED ME, THOUGH--
IS HOW I'D MAKE OUT IN
OUTER SPACE!

NOT THAT ITS **STEEP
COLD** WOULD BOTHER ME--

-- BUT WITH NO
**ATMOSPHERE, THERE'D
BE NO MOISTURE!**

AND WITH
NO **FUEL** FOR
MY FREEZER,
I'D BE IN ONE
HECK OF A
SITUATION!

BUT THE
CHALLENGE
SURE INTRIGUES
ME.

WHO KNOWS--
MAYBE **ONE DAY..**

THOUGH TO TELL
THE TRUTH, I'M NOT
EXACTLY GONNA
HOLD MY BREATH
WAITING!

THE ORIGINS OF THE UNCANNY X-MEN!

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES!

PLEASE DON'T BE ALARMED
IF YOU FEEL STRANGELY
COMPELLED TO PAY UNUSUAL
ATTENTION TO THE CONTENTS
OF THE FOLLOWING PAGES!

THE ABILITY TO
INFLUENCE THE DEGREE
OF CONCENTRATION IS
JUST ONE OF MY MANY
MENTAL POWERS!

THEY BECOME REALLY
USEFUL WHEN I HAVE
TO DEAL WITH SOME OF
THE BAD GUYS RUNNING
AROUND ON OUR
FAIR PLANET--!"

SPECIAL ASIDE:

YE OLDE BULLPEN
THOUGHT IT'D BE
GLITZY IF, JUST
FOR A CHANGE, THIS
FEATURETTE ON THE
MESMERIZING
MARVEL GIRL
WERE WRITTEN BY
A MEMBER OF THE
SUPPOSEDLY **WEAKER**
SEX! SO, MAKE
ROOM FOR LOVABLE
LINDA FITE, EX-
MARVEL STAFFER
AND X-MEN FAN
SUPREME!

--STAN AND THE GANG

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LINDA FITE

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WERNER ROTH

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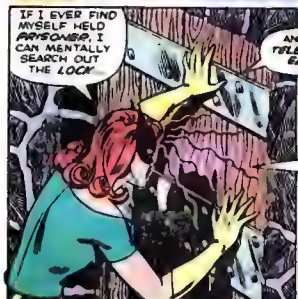


MANY'S THE TIME THIS LITTLE DEFLECTION TRICK HAS COME IN HANDY!

I CAN PROTECT MY FELLOW WHEN THE SAME WAY, TOO!



AND I CAN NEVER TURN DOWN A DATE ON THE PRETEXT THAT I'M ALL TIED UP!



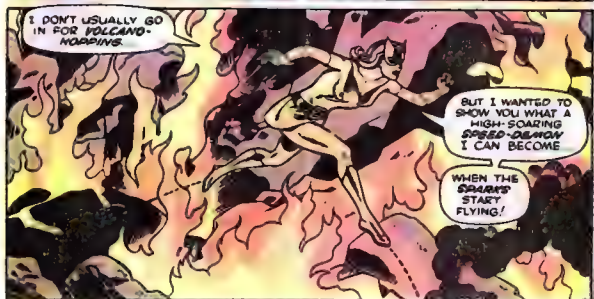
IF I EVER FIND MYSELF HELD PRISONER, I CAN MENTALLY SEARCH OUT THE LOCK

AND WITH TELEKINETIC EASE

SLIDE BACK THE BOLT!



SKRIK!



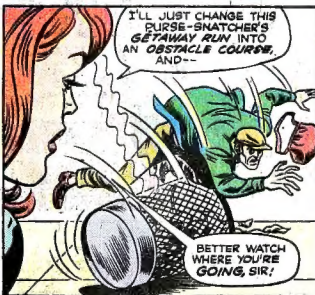
I DON'T USUALLY GO IN FOR VOLCANO-HOPPING.

BUT I WANTED TO SHOW YOU WHAT A HIGH-SOARING SPEED-DEMON I CAN BECOME

WHEN THE SPARKS START FLYING!



"BUT THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS QUITE THAT GRIM..."



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